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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1906.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1905.

Real estate,	\$357,460 00
239 polls,	23,900 00
354 horses,	29,200 00
35 oxen,	2,235 00
521 cows,	14,428 00
216 neat,	4,365 00
374 sheep,	1,126 00
4 hogs,	44 00
29 carriages,	2,875 00
Stock in banks,	9,150 00
Money on hand and at interest,	35,112 00
Stock in trade,	17,800 00
Mills and machinery,	19,900 00
Timber, logs, wood and lumber,	19,193 00
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	\$536,788 00

AMOUNT OF TAX REQUIRED BY LAW AND VOTE OF TOWN.

State tax,	\$752 25
County tax,	815 00
School tax,	1,500 00
Highway tax,	2,058 00

Town charges,	1,000 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	75 00
School supplies,	150 00
Town bonds and interest,	349 50
Interest on Kingsbury fund,	36 36
Public library,	53 00
Percentage,	189 36
Added tax,	39 00
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	\$7,017 47

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

John F. Dickey, services as selectman,	\$70 00
C. H. Cooke, services as selectman,	65 00
M. L. Richardson, services as selectman,	50 00
L. P. Forestall, services as auditor,	2 00
Clinton Gates, services as auditor,	2 00
James Jackson, services as dog constable,	6 50
H. D. Dickey, services as supervisor,	5 00
C. F. Pierce, services as police,	2 00
F. J. Marvin, services as town treasurer,	45 00
Orr Wallace, services as superintendent of cemeteries,	5 00
Mrs. H. O. Webster, librarian,	4 15
Mrs. Elizabeth O. Rogers, librarian,	18 00
Fred L. Prentiss, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. M. Smith, services as moderator,	3 00
L. K. Osburn, services as supervisor,	2 00
J. S. Prouty, services as overseer of poor and expenses,	20 00
C. M. Dodge, services as supervisor,	5 00
Charles Brackett, services as police,	2 00
John M. Hodskins, sexton, digging 3 graves,	10 00
Charles Wilder, sexton, digging 2 graves,	7 00
F. B. Trow, sexton, and hearse driver, digging graves,	63 00
Charles E. Blanchard, services as police,	2 00
F. J. Marvin, services as treasurer of school district,	10 00

C. H. Cooke, services as clerk of school district,	2 00
C. M. Dodge, services as constable,	5 00
F. J. Marvin, salary of school superintendent, in part,	114 50
C. J. Newell, services as member of school board,	14 00
Charles L. Linsley, services as member of school board,	25 00
George A. Mayo, services as member of school board,	20 00
W. W. Dinsmore, tax collector,	80 00
F. J. Marvin, janitor of town hall,	30 00
F. J. Marvin, balance of salary for school superintendent,	114 50
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	\$828 65

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., February,	\$9 69
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports,	33 66
C. M. Lufkin, returning deaths,	75
Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., March,	3 47
John P. Kemp, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., April,	1 79
Daniel Moody, damage on account of breaking through bridge,	5 00
Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., May,	66
V. H. Parker, painting bridge,	25 00
F. J. Marvin, reward for capturing George Ford,	50 00
P. H. Gobie, printing flyers,	1 50
George F. Lewis, damage on account of breaking through bridge,	200 00
H. J. Pratt, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
Isaac Craig, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
Charles Linsley, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
W. O. Blake, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
L. K. Osburn, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
M. L. Richardson, balance due for bounty on hedge- hogs,	1 25
Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., July, August, September, October, November and De- cember,	17 32

W. H. Spalter, invoice and collector's book,	2 50
H. W. Porter, abatement for water trough,	3 00
J. A. Rawson, abatement for water trough,	3 00
H. M. Holden, repairing fence at Rice bridge,	50
Oscar A. Gast, drugs furnished board of health for dis- infecting,	4 90
A. S. Waite, counsel fees, Walpole vs. Alstead,	12 50
E. M. Smith, fees and expenses, Walpole vs. Alstead,	35 00
Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., January,	4 54
E. M. Smith, retaining fee,	10 00
C. D. Fitzgerald, abatement on tax,	6 50
R. F. Oliver, returning births and deaths,	3 50
E. M. Currier, repairing hearse,	1 00
J. J. Osterhout, returning births and deaths,	75
J. S. Prouty, cash paid for rent of safe deposit box for Warren bond,	2 00
R. F. Oliver, disinfecting for board of health,	3 00
S. A. Mitchell, services, stamps and disinfecting for board of health,	3 80
C. M. Dodge, taking George Ford to Keene,	9 00
Kent and Dodge, repairing snow scraper and irons,	2 75
F. L. Prentiss, stationery supplies,	2 04
F. L. Prentiss, recording births, deaths and marriages,	5 10
Charles E. Blanchard, care of clock,	9 25
E. M. Smith, insuring town hall,	30 00
F. J. Marvin, literary fund for schools,	89 10
F. J. Marvin, balance of dog license for schools,	100 68
Allen C. Wilcox, abatement for over tax,	18 00
Ida H. Belden, damage for land taken for highway,	5 00
F. J. Marvin, supplies for town hall,	21 48
F. J. Marvin, telephoning, picks, shovels, etc.,	11 06
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement of the following taxes:	
Charles Bushway, \$1.30, Joseph Bushway, \$1.30,	
B. L. Fletcher, \$1.30, Herbert Kidder, \$1.30,	
Robert W. Lovell, \$1.53, Frank O. Nash, \$1.30,	
Valentine Norton, \$1.30, John Swatser, \$1.30, G.	
L. Tucker, Jr., \$1.30,	11 93

Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co., January,	2 78
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	\$776 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

E. G. Buswell, cash paid and labor on highway to March 14,	\$97 81
F. D. Messer, labor and cash paid for labor and material, April and May,	546 35
J. L. Nash, breaking roads, February, 1905,	3 60
F. D. Messer, labor and cash paid for labor and material, June,	490 67
F. D. Messer, labor and cash paid for labor and material, July,	91 46
F. D. Messer, labor and cash paid for labor and material, September, October, November and December,	171 02
F. D. Messer, cash paid for labor and material to February 15,	13 65
E. G. Buswell, cash paid H. C. Clough, breaking roads,	1 80
A. T. Fish, cutting ice on sidewalk,	1 50
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	\$1,417 86

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

J. S. Prouty, support of county paupers to April, 1905,	\$23 30
J. S. Prouty, support of county paupers to October, 1905,	95 00
J. S. Prouty, support of county paupers to Feb. 15, '06,	101 48
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	\$219 78

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

J. S. Prouty, cash paid for support of town paupers,	\$33 38
J. S. Prouty, cash paid for support of town paupers,	5 37
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	\$38 75

ORDERS DRAWN FOR DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

J. S. Prouty, aid paid dependent soldiers to April, '05,	\$15 75
J. S. Prouty, aid paid dependent soldiers to October, '05,	58 50
J. S. Prouty, aid paid dependent soldiers to Feb. 15, '06,	43 39
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	\$117 64

TOWN LIBRARY.

F. J. Marvin, appropriation for town library,	\$53 00
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SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

John H. Allen, damage on account of sheep killed by dogs,	\$20 00
Milan F. Green, damage on account of sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
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	\$28 00

REPAIRS OF CEMETERIES.

Orr Wallace, labor and cash paid for repairs of cemeteries,	\$30 00
Orr Wallace, labor and cash paid for repairs of cemeteries,	26 02
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	\$56 02
Balance in treasury reported 1905,	63 00
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Balance in treasury not expended,	\$6 98

ALSTEAD VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

Amount raised for lighting streets,	\$497 26
Balance reported in treasury, 1905,	3 00
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	\$500 26

Order issued to treasurer of town for fire district,	\$497 26
Amount remaining in treasury Feb. 15, 1906,	\$3 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1905,	\$893 66
Received during the year,	9,329 63
	<hr/> \$10,223 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid during the year,	\$8,332 06
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1906,	1,891 23
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RECEIPTS IN DETAIL.

Available cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1905,	\$893 66
Cash received from county for support of county paupers,	170 55
Cash received from county for aid to dependent soldiers,	117 00
Cash received from state for bounty on hedgehogs,	53 50
Cash for rent of town hall,	45 00
Cash received from Grange for rent of Grange hall,	45 00
Cash received from W. S. Hancock Post, rent of Post room,	11 25
Cash received from state for savings bank tax,	278 42
Cash received from state for literary fund,	89 10
Cash received from state for school fund,	114 50
Cash from Fred L. Prentiss for dog license,	135 18
Cash borrowed of M. L. Richardson,	500 00
Cash received for interest on cemetery funds,	17 85
Cash from W. W. Dinsmore, amount of town tax warrant,	5,217 11

Cash from W. W. Dinsmore, amount of fire district warrant,	497 26
Cash received from state board of license commissioners,	117 92
Cash, W. W. Dinsmore, for interest on taxes,	17 99
Cash from W. W. Dinsmore for added tax,	39 00
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	\$8,360 29

DISBURSEMENTS IN DETAIL.

State tax,	\$752 25
County tax,	815 00
Note and interest for money borrowed of M. L. Richardson,	518 60
Eleazer Porter, for bond,	300 00
Eleazer Porter, for coupons on bonds,	49 50
Orders issued by selectmen for town charges,	3,536 45
Orders issued by selectmen for amount of fire district tax,	497 26
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Amount of disbursements less Kimball library fund,	\$6,489 06

LIABILITIES.

Due for permanent road fund,	\$774 00
Due for Kingsbury fund,	606 00
Due fire precinct,	3 00
Due on town bonds,	800 00
Due for interest on town bonds,	4 50
Due on cemetery fund,	6 98
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	\$2,194 48

ASSETS.

Due from county for aid to dependent soldiers,	\$43 39
Due from county for county paupers,	101 48

Due from bridge petitioners,	13 27
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1906,	1,891 23
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	\$2,049 37

INDEBTEDNESS.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1906,	\$2,194 48
Assets Feb. 15, 1906,	2,049 37
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Balance of indebtedness,	\$145 11
Indebtedness Feb. 15, 1905,	\$657 49
Indebtedness Feb. 15, 1906,	146 41
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Decrease of debt during the year,	\$511 08
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1906,	\$1,891 23
Due for permanent road fund,	774 00
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Actual available cash,	\$1,117 23
Whole amount of permanent road fund,	\$1,083 60

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1906.

State tax,	\$800 00
County tax,	800 00
Schools,	1,600 00
Roads,	2,000 00
Town charges,	1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. DICKEY,

J. S. PROUTY,

M. L. RICHARDSON,

Selectmen of Alstead.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

L. P. FORESTALL,

C. J. GATES,

Auditors for the town of Alstead.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN FUND.

The principal is invested in Stowe, Vt., Berlin, N. H., and Poultney, Vt., bonds, and the sinking fund is deposited in the Walpole savings bank. Income to be used for care of Warren Monument lot and balance for schools.

Interest account is as follows:

Cash received from bank for interest,		\$184 50
Paid E. P. Kidder, painting fence,	\$13 75	
Paid M. L. Richardson for labor on lot,	1 25	
Paid Orr Wallace for care and labor,	2 50	
Amount set aside for sinking fund,	39 12	
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Balance for benefit of schools,		\$127 92

JAMES S. PROUTY,
JOHN F. DICKEY,
ORR WALLACE,
Trustees of Warren Fund.

Report of Selectmen for Cemetery Funds.

Principal is deposited in Walpole Savings Bank:	
Dividend on fund,	\$17 85
Expended on lots as follows:	
For work on Holbrook lot,	\$1 50

For work on Kimball lot,	1 50	
For care and fertilizer for Mary M. Wells lot,	2 00	
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Balance in treasury,		\$12 85
Balance in treasury, 1905,		14 35
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Whole amount in treasury, February 15, 1906,		\$27 20
JOHN F. DICKEY,		
J. S. PROUTY,		
M. L. RICHARDSON,		
Selectmen of Alstead.		

Report of Selectmen on Kimball Fund.

Amount of Kimball fund, February 15, 1905,	\$1,863 00
Invested as follows:	
Deposited in Walpole Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings Bank,	863 00
JOHN F. DICKEY,	
J. S. PROUTY,	
M. L. RICHARDSON,	
Selectmen of Alstead.	

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

TOWN PAUPERS.

H. O. Webster, medicine for Jasper Smith,	\$1 80
J. H. Dickey, goods furnished Jasper Smith,	30 00
Mrs. S. J. Fish, goods furnished Burt Burroughs' family,	1 58
H. B. Chapin, keeping tramps,	5 00
F. J. Marvin, crackers and cheese for tramps,	37
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	\$38 75

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mrs. S. J. Fish, shoes and rubbers for G. M. Howard's family, 1904,	\$4 05.
G. H. Burroughs, for support of Samuel Willis,	8 75
F. J. Marvin, guardian, support of Miss J. C. Clark,	10 50
Cash paid for A. G. Allen,	10 00
G. H. Burroughs, support of Samuel Willis,	39 00
F. J. Marvin, guardian, support of Miss J. C. Clark,	39 00
F. J. Marvin, guardian, clothing for Miss J. C. Clark,	5 00
F. J. Marvin, clothing for A. G. Allen,	2 00
Mrs. H. W. Raymond, board and care of H. S. Raymond,	25 00
A. G. Allen, cash,	2 00
A. G. Allen, railroad and stage fare,	78
O. A. Gast, medicine for H. S. Raymond,	1 85
H. B. Chapin, carrying H. S. Raymond to county farm,	5 00
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance for H. S. Raymond,	3 00
Geo. H. Burroughs, support of Samuel Willis,	28 93
F. J. Marvin, guardian, support of Miss J. C. Clark,	31 92
J. F. Dickey, balance on casket for H. S. Raymond,	3 00
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	\$219 78

COUNTY—AID DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moulthroup,	\$15 75
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moulthroup,	58 50
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moulthroup,	43 39
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	\$117 64

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PROUTY.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1905,	\$893 66
Cash on hand February 15, Kimball fund,	1,863 00
W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	5,217 11
W. W. Dinsmore, interest on taxes,	17 99
Selectmen, balance due, bounty on hedgehogs,	53 50
Overseer of poor,	75 55
Overseer of the poor, dependent soldiers' claims,	58 50
F. L. Prentiss, town clerk, license on dogs,	135 18
License commissioners,	117 92
Borrowed of M. L. Richardson,	500 00
Rent, Grand Army hall,	11 25
Rent, Grange hall,	45 00
Rent, town hall,	45 00
Dividend, cemetery fund,	17 85
Literary fund,	89 10
School fund,	114 50
Savings bank tax,	278 42
Received, overseer of poor, county paupers, per claims,	95 00
Received, overseer of poor, dependent soldiers' claims,	58 50
W. W. Dinsmore, collector, precinct tax,	497 26
W. W. Dinsmore, added tax,	39 00
	\$10,223 29

CASH PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

Paid state tax,	\$752 25
Paid county tax,	815 00

M. L. Richardson, money borrowed,	518 60
E. Porter, town bond,	300 00
E. Porter, coupons,	49 50
Order of selectmen,	4,033 71
Kimball library fund, invested,	1,863 00
Cash on hand, February 15, 1906,	1,891 23
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	\$10,223 29

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the town treasurer and find the same correctly cast and balanced with proper vouchers for the same.

L. P. FORRISTALL,
C. J. GATES,
Auditors of the town of Alstead.

Alstead, Feb. 20, 1906.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The trustees have voted to adopt the card system of cataloguing the books, a system which is used in many places and gives good satisfaction wherever used. This will be in operation very soon.

Twenty-seven new books, purchased with the interest of the Fanny Carpenter fund, have been placed in the library during the past year.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1905,	\$1 87
Cash received from town,	53 04
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	\$54 87

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for books and express,	\$30 06
Cash paid for carrying books,	8 00
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	\$38 06
Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1906,	\$16 81

F. J. MARVIN, Chairman,
H. A. LOWELL,
R. F. OLIVER,
J. P. KEMP,
MRS. LUCY LINSLEY,
MRS. SARAH J. FISH, Secretary,
Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Labor and cash paid on highway:

BREAKING ROADS—MARCH, 1905.

F. D. Messer, breaking roads and cash paid,	\$13 85
Isaac Craig, breaking roads,	8 70
Charlie Ross, breaking roads,	5 40
Herman Clark, breaking roads,	2 10
Burt Burroughs, breaking roads,	1 20
James Linsley, plowing sidewalks,	5 00
A. M. French, breaking roads,	3 60
John Britton, breaking roads,	8 00
F. P. H. Lyman, breaking roads,	1 50
F. P. Blackmer, breaking roads,	1 60
H. A. Clough, breaking roads,	2 40

APRIL.

F. D. Messer, labor, team, and cash paid as per bill,	\$32 40
Jasper Smith, labor,	6 00
H. W. Raymond, labor,	1 88
Charlie Royce, labor,	3 75
George Whitney, labor,	14 50
W. R. Howard, labor,	6 00
E. P. Hatch, labor,	1 81
Galon Howard, labor,	1 75
Charles Wilder,	1 50
George F. Lewis, labor,	14 75
Howard Hardware Co., tile,	8 00

John Blanchard, labor,	7 50
George Lakin, labor,	5 00

MAY.

F. D. Messer, labor, teams and cash paid as per bill,	\$149 97
Wm. Moulthroup, labor,	28 35
Fred Hall, labor,	19 50
Jasper Smith, labor,	27 75
Fred Wilson, labor,	3 75
Frank Clark,	16 50
John Blanchard, labor,	3 75
Herman Clark, labor,	22 05
F. P. Blackmer, labor,	9 00
H. W. Raymond, labor,	2 25
Isaac Craig, labor,	1 00
L. P. Forristall, lumber and labor,	26 23
W. R. Howard, labor,	27 65
George C. Dinsmore, labor,	3 75
George H. Marshall, labor,	3 45
C. E. Blanchard, labor,	3 45
Rodney Griffith, labor,	60
E. T. Stevens, labor,	4 25
Bragg & Buswell, labor,	50

JUNE.

F. D. Messer, labor, teams and cash paid as per bill,	\$168 50
Fred Wilson, labor,	3 00
Guy Dodge, labor,	1 20
Geo. F. Lewis, labor,	37 00
John Blanchard, labor,	1 50
Frank Leach, labor,	1 50
Elisha E. Royce, labor,	1 56
Herman Clark, labor,	27 00
Arthur Jones, labor,	1 50
Don Still, labor,	2 00
Prentiss Britton, labor,	4 25

M. V. B. Hall, labor,	1 95
Jasper Smith, labor,	12 75
A. M. French, labor,	12 00
Wm. Moulthroup, labor,	21 50
Fred Hall, labor,	19 50
Frank E. Clark, labor,	18 00
H. W. Raymond, labor,	2 18
Frank Blackmer, labor,	16 50
C. J. Newell, lumber,	108 21
H. W. Porter, lumber,	53 81
L. P. Forristall, lumber,	29 58

AUGUST.

F. D. Messer, labor, team and cash paid as per bill,	\$28 05
Tyler Clark, labor,	1 40
George Alexander, labor,	6 00
C. F. Pierce, labor,	3 00
W. R. Howard, labor,	16 37
C. J. Newell, lumber,	45 00

SEPTEMBER.

F. D. Messer, labor, team and cash paid as per bill,	\$12 90
Don Still, labor,	4 00
H. J. Pratt, labor,	5 00
Charlie Blake, labor and lumber,	11 34
Henry Holden, labor,	4 50
C. F. Horton, labor,	1 00
H. P. March, labor,	1 00
W. O. Blake, labor and lumber,	11 00
C. J. Newell, lumber,	7 52
L. P. Forristall, lumber,	10 64
J. F. Dickey, labor,	7 50
Eugene Ryder,	1 50

OCTOBER.

F. D. Messer, labor, team and cash paid as per bill,	\$21 00
J. L. Nash, labor,	15 15

J. D. Smith, labor,	5 75
John P. Kemp, labor,	1 10
W. R. Howard, labor,	11 90
John Blanchard, labor,	1 20
Frank Leach, labor,	75

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

F. D. Messer, labor, team and cash paid as per bill,	\$12 65
Alfred Smith, labor,	3 25
Henry Porter, lumber and gravel,	5 75
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	\$1,313 15
Paid for breaking roads, March, 1905,	\$53 35
Paid for tile,	8 00
Paid for gravel,	5 00
Paid for bridge lumber,	270 00
Paid for labor on roads and bridges,	976 80
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	\$1,313 15

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. MESSER,
Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead, N. H.:

I submit the following report of the Alstead schools:

Seven schools have been maintained in town during the past year. All but one have been in session thirty weeks.

TEACHERS.

On the whole, our teachers have worked earnestly and faithfully during the past year, and the schools have done good work.

There were a number of changes in teachers at the beginning of the fall term. It is a mistake to discharge a teacher simply because some one in the district does not like her, and also it is a waste of money to maintain a school if the teacher is not a success. A teacher ought to be hired for at least one year, if she proves efficient, as the best results can be obtained when the teacher's service is continuous.

It is impossible to secure and keep good teachers at the salaries which your school district pays. Hiring teachers at such low salaries is more or less a lottery, as we must continually take some inexperienced teachers. Thus the school may suffer while they are getting an experience, and if they prove a success, they will go to some school where the opportunities and salary are better. It is, indeed, a sad mistake to let a few dollars stand in the way of securing good teachers. It is much better economy to pay a little more for a good teacher than to waste the whole on a school with an inefficient teacher. Our school board are endeavoring to get the best teachers possible under the conditions.

The kind of teacher our schools need is one who has the best preparation for her work and who is an earnest, enthusiastic worker, willing to give her best energies in and out of school to her work, and will continually grow in her profession. When a teacher ceases to grow and feels that she can learn no more, and is not willing to sacrifice some selfish pleasure that she may do better school work, she has reached her limit of usefulness.

No school has been a failure, and we can truly say that in many ways there has been a marked improvement in the schools during the past year.

The people of the town can best help the schools by giving their hearty support and help to the teacher and school. It is most unwise, for the interests of the school, that parents should find fault with the teacher or to uphold children in rebellion against the regulations of the school. The very best teacher cannot succeed without the support of the citizens. Too much should not be expected of any teacher, for no one is perfect.

ATTENDANCE.

The most discouraging feature for the success of our schools is the poor attendance. No pupil can make progress if he does not regularly attend school. The records show a little better attendance than in previous years, but it is not at all satisfactory. You must not expect your child to succeed if he is absent one to three days a week.

We have tried giving certificates to induce better attendance and it has been a great inspiration for a better record.

Legally and morally the parents, or guardians, are responsible for the attendance of the scholars. I recommend that every reasonable and legal means be used to secure better attendance during the coming year.

GRADING AND COURSE OF STUDY.

Our written course of study does not quite meet the demands of the present school standard, so we have been trying to do a little more work than it requires.

The aim of our work is to give these country boys and girls a thorough, practical education, which will best fit them for the needs of life.

Everything is done differently now than twenty-five or fifty years ago, hence our system of education must be different, yet we may be too radical and not think the "old days" had any thing good. The educational training of today tries to work in the sensible medium.

Two years of high school work has been done in the East Village grammar department. We were fortunate in having a teacher who could teach those subjects. More of this work should be done in our grammar departments, that we may give better advantages to the pupils who are not able to go away to school.

Our system of saving samples of the pupil's school work will greatly help in knowing definitely each pupil's progress. The parent may, at any time, go to the school and quickly examine the school work of his child and note the progress.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

No new text books have been adopted and the only money expended on books has been to buy what books were absolutely necessary.

One improvement (of small expense) has been made by supplying all schools with material for busy work for the lower grades.

No outlay for school purposes produces larger results than the purchase of needed books and supplies. They are tools with which the schools can do the best work. No successful farmer of today cuts his hay with an old dull scythe, neither can a school do good work without the best up-to-date books and supplies.

The arithmetics in use are very unsatisfactory, and a change is most imperative. Additional readers and language books should be procured as soon as possible.

CONSOLIDATION.

I am never in favor of urging the consolidation of schools unless the majority of voters of the district are in favor of it. From an educational standpoint, the more the schools can be united and

graded, the more efficient work can be done. Most pupils can do better work in a large, well graded school than in a school of eight or ten pupils, and the same money expended on the large school will accomplish much more than when expended on the numerous small schools. The union of schools is an onward move of progress throughout the country. I would refer you to the same subject in the superintendent's last year's report.

BUILDINGS.

Some minor repairs and improvements on the buildings and surroundings are much needed for comfort and for sanitary reasons.

More attention should be given to keeping the schoolhouses and grounds neat and tidy. There has been a great lack in carefully looking after these matters. The teachers and those who have charge of caring for the schoolhouses should see that they are kept in a neater condition. I urge that we make an improvement in this line during the coming year.

All things considered, I am confident that the schools of Alstead are progressing, and much credit is due the faithful teachers, as well as school officers and citizens.

I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial support of the school board, the earnest co-operation of the teachers, and the interest of the citizens in general. I have not been able to get acquainted as much as I wished, for the pressing duties of my work do not give me the opportunity; but I assure you that my whole interest is for the success of your schools and the welfare of your children. Let us, as teachers, school officers and citizens, put forth every effort to make, as far as possible, the schools of Alstead equal to the best schools of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN,
Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

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* School not closed, so cannot give report.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1906.

EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued by school board:

Florence M. Seaver, teaching, No. 13,	\$5 00
Bernice E. Smith, teaching, No. 12,	39 60
Chas. E. Burroughs, 1½ cords wood,	6 00
Geo. A. Lakin, book-case, primary room, No. 12,	4 50
Ella A. Putney, work, No. 12,	2 00
Henry Wellman, transportation of scholars,	43 20
Helen Goodspeed, teaching and care of room, No. 12,	84 50
Lyle Kemp, building fire summer term, No. 12,	50
Eva M. Still, teaching 4 weeks and care of room; also mileage 6 weeks,	25 90
Florence Seaver, teaching summer term, No. 13,	60 00
Vera I. Clark, cleaning room, No. 13,	1 50
Ervin Rhodes, care room, No. 13, summer term,	2 00
Nettie M. Messer, telephoning,	1 05
Prentiss L. Britton, mileage, 4 scholars,	14 40
Edythe M. Putney, cleaning room, No. 12,	3 00
John P. Kemp, mileage,	1 88
J. T. Clark, work and material, No. 12,	7 07
J. T. Clark, papering school room,	2 50
Nettie M. Messer, paper for primary room,	2 22
Howard Hardware Co., paint for blackboard,	1 60
Helen Goodspeed, teaching grammar, No. 12,	25 00
Mary W. Jones, teaching primary, No. 12,	26 00

George A. Larkin, 1½ cords wood, No. 13,	6 00
Mary W. Jones, teaching primary, No. 12,	15 00
Ervin Rhodes, janitor work, No. 13,	1 00
Henry Wellman, transportation 5 scholars, No. 10,	73 20
Mary W. Jones, teaching primary, No. 12,	31 60
Prentiss Britton, mileage, 4 pupils,	14 70
Eva M. Still, mileage,	1 17
John P. Kemp, mileage,	1 99
Helen J. Goodspeed, teaching grammar, No. 12,	65 75
Lyle Kemp, janitor work,	50
Edythe M. Putney, work,	2 00
B. R. Taylor, work,	80
Emma E. Riley, teaching in No. 13,	19 50
Mary W. Jones, teaching in primary, No. 12,	5 00
George Burroughs, wood,	12 00
Emma E. Riley, teaching, No. 13,	13 00
Mary W. Jones, teaching, No. 12,	10 00
Mary W. Jones, teaching, No. 12,	44 40
Henry P. Wellman, transportation,	48 00
Helen J. Goodspeed, teaching, No. 12,	77 25
Prentiss Britton, mileage,	12 00
J. P. Kemp, wood, work and mileage,	7 15
Mrs. W. O. Blake, tuition,	13 20
Emma E. Riley, teaching 12 weeks, "	45 50
Oliver Pratt, cleaning schoolhouse,	2 75
Henry Randall, pail, cup and broom,	1 13
C. J. Richards, postage, freight, telephone, etc.,	7 18
C. J. Richards, salary for February and March,	45 83
S. G. Anderson, repairing flag pole,	40
Leon Trow, janitor, spring term,	65
Carrie Nourse, teaching primary 10 weeks,	50 00
A. G. Eldridge, teaching grammar 10 weeks,	60 00
Harold Newell, building fires,	50
Lottie Porter, sweeping schoolhouse,	1 25
Mrs. H. Green, mileage,	5 00
Mrs. Rogers, boarding teachers 20 weeks,	57 50

John Croto, transportation, \$2.50 kept back on school-house,	15 75
Town of Surry, tuition, Fitzgerald and Porter children,	7 50
American Book Co., supplies for last term,	72 98
Ginn & Co., books for East Alstead,	4 96
Mrs. L. J. Porter, cleaning schoolhouse,	2 50
C. H. Drown, salary,	25 00
S. G. Anderson, furnishings,	1 71
Mrs. C. H. Drown, teaching in grammar 4 weeks,	36 00
Bernice Butterfield, teaching in No. 13,	26 00
C. H. Drown, salary to October 1, 1905,	32 25
Fred Prentiss, carrying 3 scholars 1 term,	7 50
Fred Prentiss, carrying 4 scholars 1 term,	11 00
Carrie Nourse, teaching primary 11 weeks,	55 00
Mrs. Rogers, boarding Miss Nourse 11 weeks,	30 25
Mrs. Harold Dow, teaching grammar 7 weeks,	63 00
H. Green, mileage 2 pupils,	5 50
Mrs. Porter, janitor,	2 50
John Croto, mileage,	4 50
F. F. Smith, repairs on clocks,	1 00
C. H. Drown, postage, express, telephone, etc.,	5 92
Harold F. Dow, teaching grammar school,	10 00
J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies,	7 00
Ginn Co., school supplies,	6 50
John A. Webber, printing blanks,	4 36
Milton Bradley Co., school books,	26 30
C. H. Drown, 3 months' salary, \$2.15 for books,	59 40
Houghton, Mifflin Co., school books,	10 92
Carrie Nourse, teaching primary 9 weeks,	45 00
Harold F. Dow, teaching grammar 8 weeks,	71 00
Harold Newell, building fires,	1 50
John Croto, mileage, Pratt, Croto and Prentiss children,	28 25
Herbert Green, mileage,	4 50
Mrs. Porter, cleaning and sweeping,	2 50
C. H. Drown, books from Walpole school district,	5 56
Mrs. Rogers, board of Miss Nourse,	24 75
E. Babb & Co., books,	1 92

American Book Co., books,	20 26
F. J. Marvin, school supplies,,	13 82
C. J. Newell, express and telephone,	1 65
C. J. Newell, wood,	14 00
C. H. Drown, postage, etc.,	2 75
Mrs. Oliver Pratt, cleaning rooms Nos. 5 and 6,	2 50
Mrs. Lucy Linsley, boarding J. T. Clark,	4 00
Mary W. Jones, teaching No. 6,	20 00
Dorothy Banning, teaching No. 5,	30 00
Mary Jones, teaching No. 6,	15 00
Mary Jones, teaching No. 6,	10 00
Merl Page, janitor No. 6,	2 00
Dorothy Banning, teaching No. 5,	26 00
Fred Frehofer, mileage,	48 90
Mary Forristall, boarding Mary Jones,	20 00
J. T. Clark, labor and material, No. 6,	15 33
Albert Thayer, work on schoolhouse No. 5,	1 00
Willis Crabtree, wood, No. 5,	2 50
Mrs. May Henry, cleaning No. 6,	1 00
J. W. Prentiss, wood delivered, 1903-4,	10 50
Miss E. E. Riley, teaching in No. 5,	25 00
L. P. Forristall, wood, No. 5 and 6,	7 50
Mrs. Mary Forristall, boarding teacher,	25 00
Elgie Adams, teaching No. 6,	15 00
Merl Page, janitor, No. 6,	2 00
Oscar Pratt, janitor,	1 00
Emma Riley, teaching and janitor work,	47 50
Fred Frehofer, mileage,	42 60
Gladis Hatch, cleaning room, No. 5,	1 00
Ernest Hatch, banking schoolhouse, No. 5,	1 00
Merl Page, banking schoolhouse, No. 6,	1 00
L. P. Forristall, 1 cord wood, No. 5, .	4 00
Mabel Hatch, teaching, No. 5,	65 00
Elgie Adams, teaching, No. 6,	65 00
A. O. Yager, janitor, No. 5,	2 00
Merl A. Page, janitor, No. 6,	2 00

Total amount of orders,

\$2,427 12

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1906,	40 04
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	\$2,467 16

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1905,	\$90 57
Cash received W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	1,761 36
Cash received trustees Warren fund,	127 88
Cash received balance dog tax,	100 68
Cash received literary fund,	89 10
Cash received school funds,	114 50
Cash received school funds, orders of selectmen,	114 50
Cash received tuition, town Langdon,	39 25
Cash received tuition, town Marlow,	22 45
Cash received rent schoolhouse,	2 50
Cash received rent schoolhouse,	4 37
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	\$2,467 16
Total amount received,	\$2,467 16
Total expenditures,	2,427 12
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	\$40 04

F. J. MARVIN,
School Treasurer.

We have examined the books of the school treasurer of Alstead and find them correctly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

L. P. FORRISTALL,
C. J. GATES,
Auditors.

Alstead, Feb. 20, 1906.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
Mar. 10		F	L	George L. Tucker	Ella May Mosier	Teamster	Greenwich, N. Y.	Greenwich, N. Y.	32	30
" 10		M	L	Rollin S. Craig	Ethel M. Howard	Farmer	Andover, Vt.	Alstead	19	19
May 20		M	L	George H. Comstock	Kate Lombard	"	Walpole	Keene	23	23
" 20		M	L		Henrietta Smith			Alstead	26	23
June 4		M	L		Stella Carpenter	"	Gilsun	Surry	35	35
July 2		F	L	George C. Alexander	Agnes Euto	Laborer	Lebanon	Langdon	30	36
" 14		M	L	Felix Bushway	Emma O. Wright	Farmer	Cavendish, Vt.	W. Lebanon	29	25
Sept. 5	Harry	M	L	Isaac A. Craig	Harriet E. Jackson	"	Alstead	No. Chelmsford, Ms.	32	35
Nov. 11		M	L	George L. Savory					45	38

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 24	Alstead	Willard C. Cummings Emma E. Chapman	Alstead "	74 53	Housekeeper Farmer	Poland, Me. Fisherville	Amos Cummings Joseph W. Fales	Gray, Me. New London	3d 3d	E. M. Smith, J. P. Alstead
Feb. 18	Lemster	Fred L. Robbins Della E. Lufkin	" Acworth	23 19	Housekeeper	Surry Acworth	Ira J. Robbins Frank R. Lufkin	Mason Mass. Unity	1st 1st	Rev. W. F. Felch Lempster
Mar. 12	Newport	Charles A. Milliken Lillian J. Gibson	Alstead Acworth	47 48	Farmer Housekeeper	" McUpton, N. Y.	James Milliken Petro Gibson	Jaffrey McUpton	2d 1st	Rev. R. C. Grant Newport
May 1	Alstead	Edward F. Butler, Jr. Elizabeth E. Balch	Cavendish, Vt. "	18 18	Factory Weaver	Fitchburg, Mass. Chester, Vt.	Edward F. Butler — Balch	Ireland	1st 1st	Rev. J. P. Rich. Alstead
Aug. 23	"	Benjamin B. Lovett Charlotte L. Cooke	Hudson, Mass. Alstead	29 25	Teacher draw. Stenographer	Swanzy Alstead	Joseph L. Lovett Chas. H. Cooke	Salem, Mass. Alstead	1st 1st	[ardson Rev. J. P. Rich. Alstead
Sept. 10	"	Jesse W. Field Bernice M. Davis	" Farmington	22 19	Druggist Composer	Kensington	L. Field Samuel Y. Davis		1st 1st	[ardson Rev. J. P. Rich. Alstead

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S, M, W.	Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 2	George E. Cater	57	2	28	Alstead	M	M	Acworth	Springfield	Joseph Atwood	Theda Parker
" 3	Harriet N. Kidder	87	6	3	Acworth	F	M	Alstead	Langdon	Ira Davidson	Susan Holden
Feb. 28	Ira Davidson	74	3	17	Chester, Vt.	M	M	Alstead	Greenwich, N. Y.	Inga Dinsmore	Elizabeth Teft
Mar. 13	Enma Holden	60	3	12	Alstead	F	M	Germany	Hungary	Henry Mosier	Susa Josvey
" 24	Ella M. Tucker	31	4	14	Greenwich, N. Y.	F	M	Puney, Vt.	Chesterfield	Stephen Ament	Lydia A. Davenport
" 15	John Ament	3	0	12	Alstead	M	S			Frank A. Fuller	Nancy Pratt
" 17	Frederic A. Fuller	29	2	3	Chesterfield	M	W			Eli Washburn	
Apr. 29	Nancy S. Wilder	77	10	17	Reading, Vt.	F	W	Alstead	Haverhill, Mass.	Amos Kidder	Susannah Webster
May 28	Marcia S. Howard	77	3	20	Dalton	F	W			Henry Cummings	Florence Cummings
July 22	Samuel M. Kidder	85	7	5	Alstead	M	S	W. Windsor, Vt.	Jamaica, Vt.	Fred Spencer	Myrtle Daggett
Sept. 16	Ernest L. Cummings	93	1	15	Rockingham	F	S			John B. Osborne	Mary P. Chamberlain
Oct. 13	Mary Jane Spencer	67	7	3	Westmoreland	F	M	Candia	England	Chase Smith	Charlotte Rutten
" 24	Leslie K. Osborne	64	1	10	Washington, Vt.	M	M	Chester, Vt.	Chester, Vt.	Ira Kingsbury	— Perry
" 29	Daniel P. Kingsbury	74	3	5	Chester, Vt.	M	M	Walpole	Springfield, Vt.	John Pratt	Louise Shipman
Dec. 4	George Pratt	74	3	4	Weston, Vt.	F	M			Asa Barrett	Arvilla Wheeler
Jan. 31	James Walton Hall	67	5	7	Alstead	M	M			Warren Alden	
June 18	Elizabeth E. Alden	47	4	30	"	F	S	Alstead	Acworth		Lucy Slade

* Single, married or widowed. † Brought here.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED L. PRENTISS,
Town Clerk.

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